

Food help

Brighton and Hove food partnership keep an up-to-date list of accessing emergency food parcels on their website here <https://bhfood.org.uk/resources/referring-to-a-food-bank/> Below are a selection of food projects across the city but check the website for more projects and for updates on opening times and contact details. You can get a referral via the council's LDSF (social fund) team or Money Advice Plus (details under Money Help section).

Highlighted is the central food bank people can self-refer into and access same day Tuesday to Friday.

[Bevendean Food Bank](#) – **COLLECTION** weekly on Wednesdays. For residents of Lower and High Bevendean, Moulsecomb, Bates Estate, Saunders Park, Meadow View and Lewes Road corridor. Contact 07449 464695 or ankethurm@trustdevcom.org.uk

[Whitehawk Food Bank](#) – **COLLECTION** on Wednesdays from 11am – 2pm. Limited deliveries available for those shielding or with health conditions. Valley Social Centre, Whitehawk Way, BN2 5HE. You need to arrange your collection slot in advance. Referral only. Contact: 07941 397648 or info@thewhitehawk.foodbank.org.uk

[The Purple People Kitchen](#) – **COLLECTION ONLY**. Portslade Town Hall, Victoria Road, Portslade BN41 1YF. Open Fridays from 12pm to 2pm. Referral only. Contact: 07789 765933 or grannyunderhill@gmail.com

[Brighton Unemployed Centre Families Project](#) – **COLLECTION**. One off emergency parcels on the same day for people in crisis. Tuesday – Friday. No referral necessary. **Call 01273 601 211 prior to arrange or email food.project@bucfp.org for more info.**

[Hollingdean Food Bank](#), Trussel Trust Network – **COLLECTION**. Mondays 11am-4pm. St. Richards Church, Beale Crescent, BN1 7BU. Referral only. Contact info@hollingdean.foodbank.org.uk

Low cost community supermarkets (community projects) can be found <https://bhfood.org.uk/how-to-hub/food-buying-groups-and-co-ops/> These projects help your food budget go much further.

Fuel (utility bills) help

There are two main ways to get fuel vouchers – the organisations are working together in a partnership and will refer clients into each other and onward for further help so both fuel grant projects are the “right door” for clients. We will keep projects updated as to wait times for clients. If your service needs a priority referral link for clients to get these grants please contact emma.daniel@cabrightonhove.org to discuss.

1. Call the Moneyworks Adviceline on 0800 988 7037 (open Mondays 1-5, Tuesdays 9-1, Wednesdays & Thursdays 12.30-4.30, and Fridays 10-2), or email w4w@moneyadviceplus.org.uk
2. ALTERNATIVELY direct clients to Citizens Advice Helpline Freephone 08082 78 78 15
Online enquiries or to arrange a callback: <https://www.cabrightonhove.org/referral/>

From initial help with vouchers clients will be directed to money or energy advice services including potentially home visits to look at measures to reduce fuel costs whilst keeping warm and healthy.

Money help and debt advice

Brighton and Hove City Council Winter Help

Local Discretionary Social Fund

The [Local Discretionary Social Fund](#) (LDSF) are offering additional support for those in need due to COVID this winter providing more grants than usual and can help with getting food vouchers, other food access, fuel and financial assistance. They can also get you **a foodbank referral**. Financial assistance is available only to people who are on welfare benefits and to access you need to complete a form. Application form: www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/LDSF

16th November 2021 – UPDATES WILL BE SENT OUT SIGN UP FOR UPDATES via emma.daniel@cabrightonhove.org

Email: LDSF@brighton-hove.gov.uk PHONE: 01273 293117 and select option 1. You will be directed to the LDSF team.

Community Hub

The Community Hub was set up to support residents throughout the pandemic and will be managing small grants for people who aren't on benefits but who are on a low income and need help with bills or in an emergency this winter. The Community Hub is contacted on The Community Hub operates Monday to Friday from 10am to 4.30pm. We aim to get back to you as soon as possible, and we'll deal with the most urgent enquiries first.

Please phone 01273 293 117 and select option 2. You will be directed to the Community Hub.

Brighton and Hove Community Sector Advice and help to access food/ fuel vouchers

Moneyworks

This service is provided by a range of advice and community agencies across the city and can help with all money issues from getting a bank account to getting online and benefits and debt help. To access to the service you need Moneyworks Adviceline on **0800 988 7037** (open Mondays 1-5, Tuesdays 9-1, Wednesdays & Thursdays 12.30-4.30, and Fridays 10-2)

Money Advice Plus

A charity offering free debt and benefits advice, money support services and help with getting a **foodbank referral** or fuel payments. Get in contact via advicematters@moneyadviceplus.org.uk or call 08081 963699

Citizens Advice Brighton and Hove

General advice service including benefits and debt help and, access to winter fuel vouchers access please contact Citizens Advice helpline **0808 278 7815**

This help sheet will be updated as more winter help is confirmed – to sign up for updates or to contribute your service to this help sheet please email emma.daniel@cabrightonhove.org

We will also provide a Festive Period help sheet with details of holiday closures and emergency contacts for help during the festive holiday period.